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Sincerely,

TODD TIAHRT,
Member of Congress.

COMMUNICATION FROM DISTRICT DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF THE HONORABLE TODD TIAHRT, MEMBER OF CONGRESS

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication from Robert Noland, District Director, Office of the Honorable TODD TIAHRT, Member of Congress:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, November 17, 2000.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This is to notify you formally, pursuant to Rule VIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, that I have been served with a subpoena for testimony issued by the Municipal Court for the City of Wichita, Kansas.

After consultation with the Office of General Counsel, I have determined that compliance with the subpoena is inconsistent with the privileges and rights of the House.

Sincerely,

ROBERT NOLAND,
District Director.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE HONORABLE SHERWOOD L. BOEHLERT, MEMBER OF CONGRESS

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication from the Honorable SHERWOOD L. BOEHLERT, Member of Congress:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, November 29, 2000.

Hon. DENNIS J. HASTERT,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This is to formally notify you, pursuant to Rule VIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, that I have been served with a civil subpoena for documents issued by the Supreme Court of New York, County of Onondaga.

After consultation with the Office of General Counsel, I have determined that it is consistent with the precedents and privileges of the House to comply with the subpoena.

Sincerely,

SHERWOOD L. BOEHLERT,
Member of Congress.

SWEETHEART NUCLEAR WASTE DEALS

(Mr. GIBBONS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise dismayed and appalled by the illegal sweetheart deals being made by the Department of Energy and the nuclear power industry.

These backroom agreements between the Clinton-Gore administration and the nuclear industry ignore the public

safety and health of millions of Americans, and run completely contrary to the laws passed by Congress.

This Congress has always maintained that any nuclear waste repository project must be based on sound science and safety. However, documents recently released by the DOE show that the Department is not concerned at all with safety or science. Their prime concern is "selling" Nevada's Yucca Mountain project as a permanent nuclear waste dump, even though the final suitability studies have not been completed.

The DOE has chosen to risk the health and safety of millions of Americans and expose them to a devastating environmental disaster because it is an expedient answer to a problem faced by the nuclear industry.

Once again, Mr. Speaker, this administration has misled Congress, ignored the law, and jeopardized the safety of America.

TIME TO CERTIFY GEORGE W. BUSH AS THE NEXT PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

(Mr. TRAFICANT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, Josef Stalin once said: Those who cast the ballots decide nothing; those who count the ballots decide everything.

How true it is. The wrinkled, dimpled, even pregnant chads have been counted several times. The Florida Supreme Court went beyond its bounds in changing the intent of Florida law.

It is time for the courts and the lawyers to get out of the way and to certify George W. Bush as the 43rd President of the United States of America.

Enough is enough. The division and stratification must stop. I yield back the need to begin a transition to a George W. Bush administration.

VICE PRESIDENT GORE SHOULD CONCEDE THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION AND ALLOW THE PRESIDENT-ELECT TO BEGIN THE TRANSITION TO OFFICE

(Mr. STEARNS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. STEARNS. Mr. Speaker, almost 4 weeks ago the American people went to the polls to elect a new president. This election was close, but the election is over. Governor George Bush is the certified winner of 271 electoral votes. He is the president-elect.

However, Vice President GORE has taken the unprecedented step of contesting a presidential election in court. Governor Bush won the original vote in Florida. He then won the required recount vote and won again, and won

again when the overseas ballots were included. He won a fourth time when the counties submitted the results of their hand counts and the Secretary of State certified the results.

For the first time in history, the party currently in control of the White House is refusing to cooperate with the transition to a new administration. Vice President GORE should concede, end his legal challenges, and allow the President-elect to prepare to take on the awesome responsibilities of the office.

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ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. PEASE). Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair announces that he will postpone further proceedings today on each motion to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas or nays are ordered, or on which the vote is objected to under clause 6 of rule XX.

Any record votes on postponed questions will be taken after debate has concluded on all motions to suspend the rules, but not before 6 p.m. today.

JAMES MADISON COMMEMORATION COMMISSION ACT

Mrs. BIGGERT. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the Senate bill (S. 3137) to establish a commission to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the birth of James Madison. The Clerk read as follows:

S. 3137

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the "James Madison Commemoration Commission Act".

(b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents for this Act is as follows:

- Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.
- Sec. 2. Congressional findings.
- Sec. 3. Establishment.
- Sec. 4. Duties.
- Sec. 5. Membership.
- Sec. 6. Powers.
- Sec. 7. Staffing and support.
- Sec. 8. Contributions.
- Sec. 9. Reports.
- Sec. 10. Audit of financial transactions.
- Sec. 11. Termination.
- Sec. 12. Authorization of appropriations.

SEC. 2. CONGRESSIONAL FINDINGS.

Congress finds that—

(1) March 16, 2001, marks the 250th anniversary of the birth of James Madison;

(2) as a delegate to the Continental Congress, and to the Annapolis Convention of 1786, James Madison foresaw the need for a more effective national government and was a persuasive advocate for such a government at the Philadelphia Constitutional Convention of 1787;

(3) James Madison worked tirelessly and successfully at the Constitutional Convention to mold a national charter, the United